

A PAGE FOR WOMEN AND THEIR INTERESTS

LOCAL CHAT: HOME AND FASHION HINTS: RELIGIOUS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES: THINGS FEMININE

SAYS WOMEN DO NOT CHANGE IN ESSENTIALS

There are no old-fashioned women. Human nature does not change. Only things like manners and modes and hats and wraps are subject to style. Milliners can banish the stringed bonnet and introduce yard-wide Gainsboroughs; beluff and beruff a market basket, and over night exalt it into vogue; furniture makers, as the fancy seizes them, can order bandy-legged what-nots into exile, send gold-freckled cabinets into oblivion, and turn half the homes of the land into arts-and-crafts studios.

Wonderful personages in Rue de la Paix salons may, at the urge of a whim, shift the trimming of a skirt from hem to waistband, tighten sleeves, discountenance fabrics which but a day before were the furore, by a mere nod alter the status of ostrich feathers from a virtue to a crime and cause the millinery world to blossom with flowers that never were on land or sea.

Real Women the Same.

But women, real women, are just as they were from the beginning. It happens that this is a spectacular age—an era of florid journalism. We editors have a hankering for those phases of life which offer the best opportunity for a story. We are prone at times to fairy tales and apt to paint drab, unimportant little freakish people in lurid ink.

Because this is a century of metamorphoses and economic transformations, of high spices, speed and spectacle, we became laded with the constant glitter and glare and glimmer and glint and glow, and memory turns to yesterday, as a spent wayfarer pauses at a spring, and in the dear recollection of gentle women framed by the dead years, we are inspired to protest against a century which has brought revolution in the relation of the sexes, opened forbidden avenues of activity, encouraged competition in fields anciently restricted to men, and taught our daughters and sisters to be self-reliant, self-supporting and independent.

But even although we editorially scold and wall and uphold the fiction of a new type of being, within our hearts we know that you are as fine and as fair and as kind and as understanding and as wholesome, that you have as much to give in affection and devotion and sacrifice as the women of any age.

Whenever you achieve we are proud, and wherever you find fame, we find joy, and all our outcry and blurt and bluster is merely to hide our fear that perhaps in time you may penetrate the hoary delusion of our superiority and learn that the great world of action over whose mysteries we have so long drawn the curtain, is just a place where we labor half as hard as you dudge at home, and where our worries and trials and tribulations are only half as great as the burdens which you have always endured with calm and serene souls.

We dread that you will find us out and, once combating our thicker wits with your subtle intuitions, take command of the universe.

And so in vain we seek to hold the gate; but, slack! the key is already in your hands. School and college have at last yielded to your entreaty; education has brought with it knowledge, and with knowledge has come the equal opportunity.

You will go far, you will climb high, you will bring a broader humanity, a saner charity into practical affairs, you will abolish child slavery, and recognize a human being in the lowest menial.

Instinct Perseists. But you will be, none the less, sweet-heart and wife and mother, because deeper than any ambition is high, the instinct of the mate will persist until

WIVES OF DEMOCRATIC POLITICIANS PROMINENT DURING THE CAMPAIGN THIS FALL



CHICAGO.—Wives, daughters, sisters and other relatives of politicians are prominent during the campaign. Some of them are about as good politicians as their masculine relatives, while others are interested merely in the crowds and excitement. Those shown in the auto are (1) Mrs. Thomas Targart, wife of the national committeeman from Indiana; (2) Mrs. Robert Craia; (3) Mrs. A. C. Daly, wife of the delegate from Alaska; and (4) Miss McCartney.

THINGS THAT ARE GOOD TO KNOW

You can wash your corset yourself and have it look as well as if the laundry had done it. If there are heavy steels at the side take these out and then soak the corset, cord and all, in a thick suds for several hours. Take out the cord and put each half of the corset against the scrubbing board and scrub with a brush and very strong suds. If the soil clings at the perspiration put a little ammonia in the water. Scrub always up and down the depth of the corset, for the side-wise rubbing will get it out of shape. Rinse it in ammoniated water, then blue it slightly and hang it on the line by the bottom edge of the two halves. If it does not come out milky white with the one washing and drying wet it again and bleach it on the grass. It is not necessary to iron a corset, although it looks neater in the hand if it has been pressed. At the first wearing the wrinkles come out.

the last day drips from the glass of time, and there will be touseled heads in as many cribs tomorrow as ever yesterday saw.

And since we've thought it all over, we're glad that it's happening, for we can behold a future in which our sons and our daughters, working side by side, partners by day as well as by night, will realize a broader life than we have known, for each will understand the common cause, and each will comprehend the other's need and in comprehension lies all love.—Herbert Kaufman in Woman's World for September.

Before wearing the corset, however, roll up the two halves each in a separate parcel and let them stand so until you can freshen the top with a new lot of embroidery; if nothing new is needed loosen the top trimming or the tacking and press it. If the lacing is of the flat sort iron it out. If it is round, smooth out the wrinkles with your hands. Every trifle tells in the fit of a corset. Corsets should always be aired after wearing and put away rolled. Every species of the convenience for summer wear is now very cheap, especially corsets of the perforated or skeleton sort.

If you have much sewing to do at home and need to make over old materials sometimes you should know the virtue of soap bark as a cleanser. Black wool fabrics and those in dark blue come resplendently through a washing with soap bark and with careful management quite delicate colors can be handled with the same medium. Get 10 cents' worth of the bark at the druggist's and steep it in a quart of water on the back of the stove for half an hour; strain the water clear and use it with the washing water, letting the fabrics soak awhile before the rubbing. As preparation for perfect pressing the materials must not be allowed to get too dry. Roll them while still damp in little bundles—the bodice pieces and skirt ones apart from each other—and then roll the bundles up in a dampened ironing cloth and leave them for an hour or so. Press between cloths and always on the wrong side. Thin silks and hair ribbons can be freshened in the same manner.

And concerning home dressmaking pray remember that all the various little notions needed have their own bargain moments. Dressmakers' supplies are always cheap in August, as buyers are not as plentiful then as earlier or later in the season.

When it is necessary to freshen up the garments you are wearing without ripping them apart, pressing, soap and water, ammonia and benzine or naphtha are simple aids which cost little but energy. Brush the wool or silk dress thoroughly, give it an extra shake or two and then get the cleaning materials ready on a clean kitchen table. Run the wool frock over the ironing board and look everywhere for spots, taking them out of white, black or dark blue fabrics with ammoniated water—not too strong. Apply the water with a cloth, keeping another under the spot to catch the grease, rub downward or crosswise, never in a circle. Brush over the lawn lining of the bodice with another clean rag and more of the ammoniated water, giving an extra rub about armholes. Clean the net or lace gimples with the tennine or naphtha; then give the garment a thorough pressing and hang it in the open air for two hours. Wash the soiled shields in more clean water and ammonia and put them in before putting on the frock again.

There are many cleansing fluids and powders in the drug store and some of these may be employed upon the most delicate fabrics. But it is after the second degree.

SANE CLOTHES FOR WOMEN

From Chicago, still engaged in a life-and-death struggle with Paris for the title of the world's chief center of fashions, has come another announcement of interest with respect to clothes. Nothing less than a revolution, indeed, is forecasted as the result of the annual style review of modistes and others interested in feminine apparel just held in that city.

On the hobble and tube skirts, so much in vogue for two years or more, an absolute ban is to be placed. A riot of colors will be permitted in the new styles, but nothing that will impede the freedom of locomotion of the wearer. Coincident, too, with the more sensible skirts there is to be, it is stated, a demand for more comfortable shoes with lower heels. Seemingly if the plans of the modistes are carried out, woman's dress is about to acquire a larger measure of sanity than it has had for some time. In this connection, also, it may be asked: Where are the waists of yesterday? They used to be so waspish that mere man, wondering, scarce could understand how their owners could be healthy. Then the doctors interposed, and the antiquarians helped, showing that Venus of Milo and the ladies of the Parthenon frieze had not so much as a suggestion of slender waist, and the slender waists disappeared.

With larger waists and freer skirts it is only natural that more comfortable shoes should come. And, speaking of shoes, we are reminded that competent authorities have recently declared that the foot of the American woman is growing larger. Some persons may think this a reflection upon the symmetry of form of our womanhood, but the simple explanation is that the woman have been devoting themselves, to outdoor exercises more than ever before and their feet have returned to the normal.

There are signs that the movement for saner dress is a world-wide one. The ladies of Egypt are rebelling against wearing veils. Seeing their American and European sisters going without veils, they have started an insurgency which is already attaining ominous proportions. In China the perpetually small foot of the Chinese women will soon be a thing of the past, and general changes in dress are being introduced.

It may be a little premature, in view of the reocency of some monstrous styles in hats and the hobble and panier skirts, to predict that the movement toward sanity will be a continuous one. Already the disquieting rumor is heard that dresses with trains will soon again be worn on the streets. This, indeed, might not be altogether unwelcome in San

PROMINENT IN CLUB WORK



MRS. FREDERICK NATHAN of New York was one of the leading candidates for the presidency of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, and is very prominent in club work.

COLOR SCHEME

A very good color scheme for a living room is in all the varying shades of brown, with now and then a touch of orange to brighten it, says Needlecraft. The floor should be given the darkest shade of brown, the walls a medium tone and the ceiling a cream shade. The furniture of this room could be of the best variety of mission, the rugs Oriental with plenty of orange or red in them, and the curtains should have a decided golden tint, as the light shining through them is very beautiful against brown. A touch of yellow might be given in a couch pillow and lamp shade.

It is said that Mr. Thomas Kennedy, rector of the American college at Rome, is to be made a cardinal.

Francisco as tending to aid our overworked street-cleaning department, yet the men who pay for the dresses will have misgivings.

But if the modistes decide on trains, trains it will be. The women who wear them may be scolded, to be sure, but so long as they are fashionable they will go their airy way, indifferent or rejoicing. Our system of society puts women in the show window, where the most attractive draw the most attention, and the things that fashion decrees are for the time being, the attractive things.

GREEN LIZARD HER NECKLACE

LONDON, Eng., Aug. 24.—The fickleness of that section of society which likes to be termed "smart" finds a new illustration in the succession of pets that come and pass in favor. The craze for the Pekinese dog is the only one that has lived any length of time, and an attempt to establish the lemur in fashionable favor quickly petered out.

An effort is now being made to introduce lizards into the good graces of women who delight in grotesque decorative effects. Already some of the ultra-fashionable members of society have paid afternoon calls with the little green reptiles attached as necklaces. One of these pets is so well trained that it answers to its name when called, and this is looked upon as a triumphant possession.

The Amazon blue-fronted parrot is patronized in some high circles of society. The women who affect this bird carry it about the house on their wrists, attached falcon fashion, always taking care to wear a dress that tones with the parrot's plumage. And where there is a parrot there is sure to be a chamelon, but this reptile is generally on show in the conservatory or greenhouse.

Fondness for wild animals is to be found exemplified in more ordinary ways by several wealthy and titled Britishers, some of whom keep private menageries. Seventeen-year-old Baroness Beaumont, for instance, has a miniature zoological garden at Carlton Towers, where, with her sister, the Hon. Ivy Stapleton, she has made a scientific study of the habits of her wild pets.

FRIED WAFERS.

Beat one egg very light, add a salt spoon of salt, and enough flour to roll. Dredge the board slightly with flour, then take pieces of the dough as large as an olive and roll as thin as paper. Fry in deep, hot fat, watching carefully, as the wafers cook in less than a minute. Sprinkle with powdered sugar and serve crisp and hot.—Portland Express and Advertiser.

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